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Our file S.5096
April 13th. 1917.

R.A. Falconer Esq., LL.D.,
President,
University of Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir: re #823114, Pte. G.W. Marshall,
142nd. Battalion, transferred to 18th.
31, Dufferin Street, Chatham, Ontario.

Pte. Marshall, who enlisted in the 142nd. Battalion on the 6th. December, 1915, was returned to Canada on the 11th. February, 1917, as medically unfit for further military service suffering from Tuberculosis of the right lung and loss of lung tissue right side. He is now taking Convalescent Home treatment in London and it may be some time before he is finally discharged.

I understand that Pte. Marshall, who is the son of a Baptist Minister, prior to his enlistment was in the matriculation school at Sarnia High School for two months, and Chatham Collegiate Institute for 1½ months, and in both classes his standing was good although he did not reach, in either school, the class percentage standing. The principals of these schools, however, are of the opinion that had he stayed at home there is no doubt but that he would have passed his examination without difficulty.

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Mr. R.W. Anglin was communicated with in an endeavour to arrange for Pte. Marshall to enter the University without his matriculation, but the reply received was to the effect that this young man, who is only now recovering from wounds received in action, could write on the matriculation examination at Easter with other scholars who were going to farm or enlist, but it is felt that, because of Pte. Marshall's service overseas, he is entitled to something more than this, and should, if possible, be given his matriculation standing and be allowed to enter the Medical College next Fall.

I would point out to you that this young soldier has served his King and Country for over a year and been returned home, suffering a serious disability. His request would, therefore, seem to be a reasonable one under the circumstances, and I shall be glad to be advised, at your convenience, if anything can be done to meet his wishes.

Thanking you in anticipation of a favourable reply,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J. Warwick

Secretary.

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April 16th, 1917

J. Warwick, Esq.,

Secretary, Soldiers' Aid Commission,

116 College Street, Toronto.

Dear Mr. Warwick:

The case of Private C. W. Marshall is rather difficult. Evidently he has had a very short period of training for his matriculation examination, and I am afraid that he would find the work of the first year in Medicine beyond him at present. I should think that the best plan for Private Marshall would be to come to the University as a non-matriculated student in Arts and to take the first year, giving special attention to such of the subjects as would be of value to him in Medicine. I believe that then when he enters the Faculty of Medicine he would be so much better prepared that he ought to be able to do his work as a medical student satisfactorily. It might be mistaken kindness to allow one who had not longer preparation to enter Medicine forthwith.

Moreover, there is the difficulty with the Ontario Medical Council. They require full matriculation for registration, and it would be necessary for Mr. Marshall to have some agreement with them as well as with us lest when he finishes our work he might find that they were unwilling to acknowledge the work without complete matriculation.

I may assure you, however, that in the cases of soldiers

who are returning the University will endeavour to do what seems to be best for them. As I said, however, it would be a pity to advise a student to enter upon a course which might be beyond him, whereas a little more study would ensure him success. I shall be glad to hear anything further that you have to say with regard to the plans of Mr. Marshall.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. President: re #823114, Pte. G.W. Marshall.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your very kind letter of the 16th.inst., regarding Pte. Marshall, contents of which have been carefully noted, and for which I am obliged.

Personally I agree with you that the best plan for this soldier would be to attend the University as suggested by you as a non-matriculated student in arts, to take the first year and give special attention to such of the subjects as would be of value to him in medicine, and I am, therefore, making a suggestion to him along that line.

I can assure you your prompt reply to my letter is very much appreciated, and I shall be glad to communicate with you again, if necessary, regarding the plans of Pte. Marshall on discharge.

Yours faithfully,

J. Warwick

Secretary.